

Complete Listing of the Claims:

1. (previously amended) In combination:

A wrench head member having a wrench head and a shaft extending therefrom, said shaft having a first end and a second end, said first end of said shaft being coupled to said wrench head, a drive section extending from said second end, a locking member extending from said drive section, and a release button; wherein said shaft is approximately circular in cross section, and said drive section is approximately square in cross section and; and

an extension member having an extension collar, said extension collar having a hollow portion that includes a drive hollow portion configured for accepting and engaging said drive section of said shaft of said wrench head inserted therein, said drive hollow portion of said extension is approximately square in cross section for accepting and engaging said drive section of said shaft of said wrench head inserted therein, a first opening within a sidewall of said hollow portion of said extension collar, said first opening being located to engage said locking member of said shaft of said wrench head member, a shaft hollow section configured for accepting and engaging a portion of said shaft of said wrench head inserted therein, said shaft hollow section of said extension is approximately circular in cross section for accepting and engaging a portion of said shaft of said wrench head inserted therein, and a second opening within said sidewall of said hollow portion of said extension collar, said second opening being located to provide access to said release button;

whereby said wrench head member is operated using said extension member as a

handle.

2. (previously amended, previously new 7-17-2002) A wrench head member configured to use a socket wrench extension as a wrench handle, the socket wrench extension having a shaft section, a drive section extending from the shaft section, a locking member extending from the drive section thereof and a release button that, when actuated, releases the locking member, said wrench head member comprising:

a wrench head having a drive member,

an extension collar, distinct from said drive member, extending from said wrench head, said extension collar having a hollow portion that includes a drive hollow portion configured for accepting and engaging the drive section of the socket wrench extension inserted therein and a shaft hollow section configured for accepting and engaging a portion of the shaft section of the socket wrench extension inserted therein, said drive hollow portion having an approximately square cross section and said shaft hollow section having an approximately circular cross section, said extension collar having a first opening within a sidewall of said drive hollow portion and a second opening within a sidewall of said shaft hollow portion, said first opening being located to engage the locking member of the socket wrench extension and said second opening being located to provide access to the release button of the socket wrench extension,

whereby said wrench head member is operated using the socket wrench extension as a wrench handle by inserting the socket wrench extension into said hollow portion of said extension collar such that the drive section of the socket wrench extension engages

said drive hollow portion of said extension collar and the shaft section of the socket wrench extension engages said shaft hollow portion of said extension collar.

3. (previously canceled)

4. (previously canceled)

5. (previously canceled)

6. (previously amended, previously new 7-17-2002) The wrench head member of claim 2 wherein said second opening is a slot.

7. (previously amended, previously new 7-17-2002) The wrench head member of claim 2 wherein said drive member of said wrench head further comprises a ratchet drive mechanism.

8. (previously amended, previously new 7-17-2002) The wrench head member of claim 2 wherein said drive member of said wrench head comprises a socket drive for engaging a wrench socket.

9. (Currently amended, previously amended 5-19-03 previously new 7-17-2002)

In combination:

a wrench head member configured to use a socket wrench extension as a handle, said wrench head member having a shaft section, a drive section extending from said shaft section, a locking member extending from the drive section thereof and a release button that, when actuated, releases the locking member,

a socket wrench extension having an extension collar extending from a first end of said socket extension, said extension collar having a hollow portion that includes a drive hollow portion configured for accepting and engaging the drive section of the wrench head extension inserted therein and a shaft hollow section configured for accepting and engaging a portion of the shaft section of the wrench head inserted therein, said socket wrench extension having a first opening within a sidewall of said drive hollow portion and a second opening within a sidewall of said shaft hollow portion, said first opening being located to engage the locking member of the wrench head member and said second opening being located to provide access to the release button of the wrench head member,

whereby said wrench head member is operated using the socket wrench extension as a wrench handle by inserting the shaft section and a drive section of the wrench head member into said hollow portion of said extension collar of said socket wrench extension such that the drive section of the wrench head member engages said drive hollow portion of said extension collar and said shaft section of the wrench head member engages said shaft hollow portion of said extension collar.

10. (previously new 7-17-2002) The combination of claim 9 wherein said socket wrench extension further includes a second extension collar extending from a second end of said socket extension, said second extension collar having a hollow portion that includes a drive hollow portion configured for accepting and engaging said drive section of said wrench head inserted therein and a shaft hollow section configured for accepting and engaging a portion of the shaft section of the wrench head inserted therein.

11. (previously new 7-17-2002) The combination of claim 9 wherein said drive hollow portion is approximately square in cross section and said shaft hollow portion is approximately circular in cross section.

12. (previously new 7-17-2002) The combination of claim 9 wherein said drive section is approximately square in cross section and said shaft section is approximately circular in cross section.

13. (previously canceled)

14. (previously canceled)

15. (previously amended 5-19-03, previously new 7-17-2002) The combination of claim 9 wherein said second opening is a slot.

16. (previously amended 5-19-03, previously new 7-17-2002) The combination of claim 9 wherein said drive section of said wrench head further comprises a ratchet drive mechanism.

17. (previously amended 5-19-03, previously new 7-17-2002) The combination of claim 9 wherein said drive section of said wrench head comprises a socket drive for engaging a wrench socket.

18. (previously new) A handle for use with a wrench system having a plurality of mating pieces having a locking member and a release button, the handle comprising:
a shaft portion having a first end and a second end,

a first connector portion extending from said first end of said shaft portion, said first connector portion being a hollow collar having a generally square drive engaging portion and a generally round shaft engaging portion, a first opening in a sidewall of said hollow collar for engaging the locking member and a second opening in said sidewall of said hollow collar for providing access to the release button,

and a second connector extending from said second end of said shaft portion.

19. (previously new) The handle of claim 18 wherein said second connector is a generally square drive section having a locking member extending therefrom and a release button extending from said shaft portion proximate said second end of said shaft.

20. (previously new) The handle of claim 19 wherein said handle is also configured to be used as an extension member for the wrench system.

21. (currently amended, previously new) The handle of claim 19 further comprising a plurality of mating pieces, said plurality of mating pieces including a wrench head member having a post with the locking member and the release button.

22. (currently amended, previously new) The combination of claim 1 wherein said release button is located on a portion of said shaft of said wrench head.